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HYBRID TEA ROSE PLANT NAMED 'BRONZE SUNSET'

5 BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a new and distinct variety of rose plant of the hybrid tea rose which was created by crossing as seed and pollen parents two (2) unknown rose varieties. The varietal denomination of the new variety is
10 'BRONZE SUNSET'.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Among the novel characteristics possessed by this new variety which distinguishes it from other varieties of which I
15 am aware, is its orange flowers.

Asexual reproduction by propagation by budding of the new variety as performed in Wasco, California shows that the foregoing and other distinguishing characteristics come true to form and are established and transmitted through succeeding
20 propagations.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ILLUSTRATION

5 The accompanying illustration shows typical specimens of the
flowers of the new variety depicted in color as nearly true as
it is reasonably possible to make the same in a color
illustration of this character.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY

5 The following is a detailed description of 2-year budded
plants of the new variety , with color terminology in accordance
with *The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart* (RHSCC). The
terminology used in color description herein refers to plate
numbers in the aforementioned color chart. Phenotypic expression
may vary with light availability, environmental and cultural
10 conditions.

The following observations are made of specimens grown
outdoors in Wasco, California, during November.

PLANT

15 Form: Spreading
Growth: Vigorous; sprawling
Size: Height about 52 inches; width
about 48 inches
Foliage
20 Size: Length about 2 1/2 inches;
width about 1 9/16 inches
Quantity: About 5
Color
25 New foliage: Upper side near 137B; under
side near 148A
Mature foliage: Upper side near 139A; under
side near 137B
Texture
30 Upper side: Smooth
Under side: Matte
Edge: Serrated
Petioles: Top surface color near 138C;
35 Under side near 138C

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Stipules: Medium length
Auricle: Light red brown near 59C
fading to green near 137B
Rachis: Few prickles
Variegation: Slight

WOOD

10 New shoots

Bark: Smooth
Wood: Near 59C

Old wood

15 Bark: Lots of prickles
Wood: Near 137D

Flowering stem: Length about 5 1/2 inches

Winter Hardiness: Completely winter hardy

20 Resistance to Disease: Fair

Temperature range: Between 26° and 120° F

Internode spacing: Irregular

Preferred growing conditions: Likes full sun

25 Growth habit: Vigorous

Leaves per stem: About 5

FLOWER/INFLORESCENCE

Blooming Habit: Recurrent

30 Bud About 4 1/4 inches

Form: Triangular

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5 Color: Before sepals divide color
near 169A; when sepals first
divide color near 170B; when
petals begin to unfurl color
near 41A

10 Sepals: Regular
Size: Length in relation to bud,
about 1 1/4 inches
Color: Topside near 164B; bottom
near 137C

15 Peduncle
Length: About 2 1/2 inches
Strength: Strong
Color: Near 148C

20 Flower
Size: About 4 1/4 inches
Borne: Single
Form: Relative good form; high
centered; unfurls to loose
ruffled at maturity

25 Petalage: About 25
Petaloids in center: None
Persistence: Normal
Fragrance: Slight

30 Lasting Quality: About 2 weeks on plant; about
6 days after cutting
Color

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5 During first 2 days: Inner petals at flower center
topside near 41A; bottom near
19A; outer petals topside
near 43A, bottom near 16C

Base of petals
(Point of attachment): Near 17B

10 General tonality from a
distance: Bronze

Color Change: Slightly darkens; remains the
same after 3 or more days

15 Petals
Texture: Thick / rigid
Shape: Wide at top, tapered to
narrow bottom
Arrangement: Loose around pistils
20 Appearance: Satiny

REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS

25 Arrangement of stamens, Near 163B; regularly arranged
Filaments and Anthers: around styles
Color: Filaments near 162C; Anthers
near 161C

Pollen: Near 168A
Styles: Bunched, uneven length
Stigmas: Normal; color near 16C

30 Hips/Seed Vessels/Ovaries

Shape: Oval
Size: About 1/2 inch
Color: Near 143B

35 Seeds: No seeds